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Applicant: You-Di Liao Art Unit: 1653
Serial No.: 10/813,549 Examiner: Unknown

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Title : REMOVAL OF N-TERMINAL METHIONINE FROM PROTEINS BY

ENGINEERED METHIONINE AMINOPEPTIDASE

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- Part 2 Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
- Sequence listing (both paper copy and computer-readable form);
- Preliminary amendment;
- Return receipt postcard; and
- Applicant filed a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, in compliance with 37 CFR §1.63, with the United States Patent Office on May 26, 2004. However, the Notice states that this Declaration is unsigned. A copy of the Declaration as filed and the stamped returned postcard is enclosed, which clearly shows the inventor's signature on page 2 of the Declaration.

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It is understood that this perfects the application and no additional papers or filing fees are required. If, however, there are fees due, please apply to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing", an initial paper or compact disc copy of the "Sequence Listing", as well as an amendment directing its entry into the application. Applicant must also provide a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

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